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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

Due to short time available, suggest this be reviewed and commented on by:

Economic Analysis Division  
Basic Intelligence Division  
Requirements and Control Branch

Coordination Branch Comment:

"Summary of Recommendations"

Introduction - concur.

Par 1. The CIA-Governmental agency response to NSC 282 can be expected to delineate the strategic interests of the U.S. as against the commercial requirements of such agencies as Commerce and Agriculture, for the purpose of priority determination. Presumably, CIA would receive the responsibility of "continuous amendment" of these requirements in collaboration with the other Governmental agencies. The CIA document should be disseminated widely to all concerned with foreign economic reporting to inform them of the reasons behind the need for a new and streamlined foreign economic reporting program.

Par 2 and proposed Executive Order: Still places on the Secretary of State the full responsibility of determining priorities for, (a) requests of critical importance to the national security, and, (2) requests not of such critical importance. (a) should be the sole responsibility of CIA and the Executive Order be amended accordingly. CIA should examine all past and future reporting schedules, particularly from Commerce and Labor, to highlight those requirements essential to the strategic interests of the US, and those of secondary interest, ie: commercially slanted toward the requirements of "small business".

Par 3 - concur.

Par 4 - concur.

Miscellaneous: This BuBudg Report should be cited in support of some of the recommendations to be made in our NSC 282 action, viz: re-emphasizing problem of excessive security classification by military and naval attaches, and assignment of specific fields of collection and production to such agencies as Commerce, Agriculture, etc., to provide ready availability of data to analysts from one central point in Washington.

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